



## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 03, 2019 at 5:30 PM

Council Meeting Room, 101 North State Street, Abbeville,  
Louisiana 70510

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### AGENDA

**NOTICE POSTED:** August 30, 2019 at 4:00 P.M.

#### REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

- Call to Order by Mayor
- Roll Call by Kathy Faulk
- Prayer
- Pledge

#### PRESENTATIONS

1. Mr. Ralph Libersat - Vermilion Coastal Committee.

#### MINUTES AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

1. To approve the minutes from the Committee meeting held on August 6, 2019, the Personnel Interview held on August 20, 2019, and the regular City Council meetings held on August 6, 2019 and August 20, 2019.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

(To allow comments on any of the following items prior to action.)

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Report on our sister City, Tracadie- Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.
2. To authorize the Mayor to execute the annual Main Street contract between the City of Abbeville and the State of Louisiana.
3. To award the contract for grass cutting and removal of overgrown brush at 1910 East End Street.
4. To approve payment of partial payment estimate #6 for the LCDBG Sewer Rehab project.
5. To approve the contract change order for the LCDBG Sewer Rehab project.
6. To approve the resolution of acceptance for the LCDBG Sewer Rehab project.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. To grant a variance to move a 2017 14' X 49' mobile home to 701 Eaton Drive. The variance is needed for the size of the mobile home.

#### TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION OR REVIEW

1. Engineers
2. Attorney
3. Public Works Director
4. Mayor
5. Police Chief
6. Fire Chief
7. Council Members

#### ADJOURN

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if you need special assistance, please contact  
Mayor Mark Piazza's office at 337-893-8550,  
describing the assistance that is necessary.

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met for a committee meeting on August 6, 2019 at 5:15 P.M., at the regular meeting place, the Council Meeting Room located at 101 North State Street, with the Honorable Mark Piazza, Mayor presiding.

Members Present: Council Members Francis Plaisance, Terry Broussard, Brady Broussard, Jr., Francis Touchet, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem and Roslyn White

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Ike Funderburk, City Attorney  
Jude Mire, Fire Chief  
Bill Spearman, Police Chief  
Steve Moosa, CPA

*Mayor Piazza stated we are here for a Committee meeting. The committee is the Finance Committee chaired by Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr. Since Councilman Touchet was running late, Mayor Piazza asked Mr. Steve Moosa to provide the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter update of the budget.*

*Mr. Moosa presented the information. The first sheet of information dealt with revenue. We compared the revenue from 2016 through 2019. Sales tax is down about \$40,000 this year compared to last year but we did notice last year that there was a one-time audit so you received some extra revenues because of that. If you remove that extra revenue, we are still down by about \$20,000. That is about 1% below budget. The water and sewer revenues are below budget by about 3% each. The electric revenue is also below budget by about 12%. We do use a straight-line budget and our hottest months are July, August and September so we may make this difference up. Your KWH sold is down from last year by 4%. Payroll is ahead of budget by about 2% when you add up all departments. Some of the expenses are out of budget but it appears to be a timing issue and we should be back in budget in the next month. You are utilizing capital outlay funds correctly.*

*Councilman Touchet asked Steve to give us a projection of the new sales tax. Mr. Moosa stated that they did an analysis prior to elections. We showed a \$500 per month for police and fire and a \$2.00 per hour raise for other municipal employees. This would cost about \$1,150,000. This includes retirement contribution, workers compensation, social security, overtime(estimated) and those factors. The retirement contributions did go up on July 1<sup>st</sup>. We have projected the revenue to be \$1,400,000 per year. We should have about \$250,000 additional revenue per year. However, you do give annual cost of inflation raises. This means the sales tax will get you through the first 5 years of increases. Sales tax may also increase too. Also, some of those people who receive their 2% will retire. We will just have to monitor the tax. Mayor Piazza asked Steve to set up a meeting with the payroll clerks in each department to see exactly how we will implement the raise.*

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Piazza declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk  
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza  
Mayor

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met for personnel interviews on August 20, 2019 at 5:15 P.M., at the regular meeting place, the Council Meeting Room located at 101 North State Street, with the Honorable Mark Piazza, Mayor, presiding.

Members Present: Council Members, Francis Plaisance, Terry Broussard and Roslyn White

Members Absent: Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.  
Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr.

Also Present: Sarah Alpough  
Joseph Vallee, Municipal Employees Civil Service Board Member

*Mayor Piazza stated are here to interview personnel for Tax Department personnel.*

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to enter into executive session to interview Sarah Alpough. The motion carried unanimously.

-02 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to reconvene the meeting from executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Piazza declared this meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk  
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza  
Mayor

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on August 6, 2019 at 5:30 P.M., at the regular meeting place, the Council Meeting Room located at 101 North State Street, with the Honorable Mark Piazza, Mayor, presiding.

Members Present: Council Members, Francis Plaisance, Terry Broussard, Brady Broussard, Jr., Francis Touchet, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem and Roslyn White

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Jude Mire, Fire Chief  
Bill Spearman, Police Chief  
Ike Funderburk, City Attorney  
Clay Menard, Public Works Director  
Stewart Head, Electrical Superintendent  
Richard Primeaux, Engineer  
Gene Sellers, Engineer  
Richard Minvielle, Grant Consultant  
Ryan Bourriaque, State Representative  
Joseph Vallee', Municipal Civil Service Board member  
Gerald Gaspard, American Legion & Chamber of Commerce  
Avery Franques, Girl Scout

*Mayor Piazza asked for a moment of silence in lieu of a prayer for the victims of the mass shootings in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio. Mayor Piazza asked Ms. Avery Franques, a local Girl Scout, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.*

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to approve the probational appointment of Randall Nugier to the position of Police Officer in the Abbeville Police Department. The motion carried unanimously.

*Representative Ryan Bourriaque was at the meeting to provide an update on the recent legislative session. Representative Bourriaque stated he wanted to come and visit. It has been a pretty interesting six months. He was fortunate to get put on some committees right away that he thought could help the district and your city. One of those committees was the Ways and Means Committee. That is where the capital outlay program begins. In the middle of July, he was appointed by the speaker of the house to serve on the legislative select committee for disaster recovery. The importance of that committee is that it is made up of representatives and senators state-wide and we are charged with sitting down and discussing community development, GOHSEP funds, hazard mitigation and grant program funds. His background in local government and in grant consulting will allow him to understand what the needs are of your city and voice those in a clear and concise manner to those in Baton Rouge to make sure we are getting our just dues. He had a chairman in Ways and Means that took him under his wings and provided very good guidance. We were fortunate enough to move one of your projects through the process. He is sort of an optimistic-pessimistic person. He gets really excited early on and then he gets really nervous when it is time to move through with something. Having projects come on then come off the bill was a learning experience. He thanked Senator Hensgens for keeping your project in the*

*bill. We are also fortunate to have LGAP and CWF. Those are fully funded. That will be another shot in the arm for you. Even though those funds may be minimal, you can always identify that specific need that you didn't have the money available in the budget. We have also worked on discretionary funds. The State's financial position has not been a secret the last few years. We were fortunate enough to have a surplus this year. We will keep an eye on those discretionary funds for you. He wants to get the feel of the City and get your ideas and goals. He also wants to know your thoughts on a piece of proposed legislation. He appreciates you taking his calls. Moving forward we will have more opportunity for discretionary funds. He will keep in touch with the City. There are other projects that are in the State grant funding process, such as LaFitte Park. That \$99,000 will do some good and is priority for the City. If there is anything that he can do, he will be glad to do that. His office is right across the street. If there is a need, you have questions, you need some assistance with a state agency or a grant, please give him a call. He tries to be as present as he can be especially understanding his experience in local government. He participated in the OEP briefings so he could understand what impact is upon us and be ready to get to work with everyone in the Governor's office to be sure we at least get our just dues. He appreciates the opportunity to serve as your State Representative. He wants to keep our momentum going and he has an understanding of the process. We have some relationships in place that will help facilitate the needs and identifying of those funding mechanisms and deliver those with a quick turnaround. Councilman Broussard thanked Representative Bourriaque for his work to get the drainage project moved through that will help drainage in four different areas in the City. This was a project we have been requesting funding for since probably 2005 or 2006. At this time, drainage is important to everyone. Mayor Piazza stated at the meeting this morning in Intracoastal with Ryan, several members of coastal restoration and protection were there along with representative from GOHSEP. There was quite a lot of discussion about the Vermilion watershed and he pointed out that we have really grave concerns about the possible dredging of the Vermilion River in Lafayette Parish.*

*Mr. Gerald Gaspard with American Legion presented an official award of appreciation to the City for all the help for the Downtown bridge rededication ceremony.*

*-02 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to approve the minutes from the regular City Council meetings held on July 2, 2019 and July 16, 2019 and the special City Council meeting held on July 11, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.*

*-03 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to ratify bills paid in the month of July 2019. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Mayor Piazza asked if there were any comments from the public on any agenda item prior to action. There were none.*

*Ms. Avery Franques stated she is with the Vermilion Parish Girl Scout Troop 067. For her Gold Award project, she would like to put a little free library in Godchaux Park. The Gold Award is the highest award she can earn. It addresses a situation the Girl Scout finds in her community and allows her to give back to the community. In our community, too often, books are neglected especially because there are other forms of entertainment. Loving books is something that gets lost. The concept of the little free library is that you build a wooden shed to place the books into. People take books and then bring those back. They can also put new books into it. There is a lot of traffic in Godchaux Park so she hopes the library will be utilized a lot. Councilman Broussard added that Ms. Franques also received the blessing of the Friends of Godchaux Park to place the library in the park. Mayor Piazza asked that Ms. Franques meet with Charlene Beckett and Councilman Broussard to choose the site.*

-04 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to approve the request to place the little free library in Godchaux Park. The motion carried unanimously.

-05 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to ratify payment of the invoice from Solpowerlines, LLC in the amount of \$18,980.00 to replace the triple-circuit pole at the By-Pass Substation that was damaged as a result of Hurricane Barry. The motion carried unanimously.

-06 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to ratify payment to Solpowerlines, LLC for the distribution poles change out/replacement project in the amount of \$38,605.44. The motion carried unanimously.

**Plaisance/White**  
**Resolution R19-19**

*A resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with LEPA and its member cities to provide emergency assistance.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

**Touchet/White**  
**Resolution R19-20**

*A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign and submit an application for the 2019-2020 Louisiana Government Assistance Program and the Community Water Enrichment Fund Program.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

-07 introduced by Ms. Roslyn White and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to approve the final payment estimate in the amount of \$5,616.70 payable to Teche Construction for the Sassy Suds Sewer Extension Project. The motion carried unanimously.

-08 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to approve contract change order number 2 for the FY 2018-2019 LCDBG Sewer System Improvement Project. The motion carried unanimously.

-09 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to approve the recommendation of the hearing officer for the hearings held on July 31, 2019 for the following properties: 1105 Charity St/tarp on roof/given 74 days, 721 Parkview Dr/multiple junk items on property/given 5 days, 1910 E. End St/tall grass & overgrown brush/given 5 days, 506 Thomas St/multiple junk items on property/given 5 days, 705 S. State St/tall grass and junk items on property/given 5 days, 207 S. Gertrude St/tall grass and demolition/given 5 days and 1715 E. Lafayette St/tall grass and demolition or secure/given 5 days. The motion carried unanimously.

-10 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to approve the special event permit for Abbeville General Hospital to hold the "Making Each Day Count-Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Awareness" on September 7, 2019 in Magdalen Square from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and also to waive the permit fee. The motion carried unanimously.

-11 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to approve the surplusing of Lieutenant David Hardy's firearm and allow him to purchase it upon his retirement from the Abbeville Police Department in accordance with LRS 33:4712 (G). The motion carried unanimously.

-12 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to award the contract to change the roof on Fire Station #3 (Maude Avenue) to the low bidder, Ducote Roofing and Construction in the amount of \$8,874.20. The motion carried unanimously.

-13 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to surplus the following vehicles from the Abbeville Police Department: Unit 478-2006 Ford Crown Victoria, Unit 556-2009 Ford Crown Victoria, Unit 564-2008 Dodge Durango and Unit 565-2009 Dodge Durango. The motion carried unanimously.

Gene Sellers, Engineer

- *Discussed the Mechanical Screen project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The contractor is processing his shop drawing. The delivery date of the equipment is 11/28/19 and he plans to be on site to start preparing for that equipment on 11/1/19. He anticipates to complete the project in two months.*

Richard Primeaux, Engineer

- *Discussed the four drainage projects recently approved for funding by the State. The areas that will receive the project are: Riverside Drive, E. Lafayette Street and S. Louisiana, Robert Wells Drive and Wildcat Drive and Cedar Street. We are anticipating bidding those jobs individually in order to get them out quicker. We hope to have the projects completed by March 2020.*

Mayor Mark Piazza

- *Appreciate Ryan being here tonight. He is very active in Vermilion Parish and we really appreciate that.*
- *Recently attended the LMA Convention. It was a good convention and he attended several workshops especially those dealing with blighted property and a way to expedite the removal of tires. We will tighten up some of our ordinances. There is always something to learn at these conventions.*
- *At the next meeting he will request to abolish the Utility Committee chaired by Councilwoman Roslyn White and to replace it with the Public Relations and Social Media Committee chaired by Councilwoman Roslyn White. This will provide a way to communicate with the constituents.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *We will have a Farmers Market in the Square on 8/17/2019 and a free concert on 8/22/2019. Shelly Fairchild will be performing.*

Councilman Francis Plaisance

- *Thanked Mr. Gene Sellers for the nice evening during the LMA Convention.*

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Piazza declared this meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk  
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza  
Mayor



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Gene Sellers, Jr., Architect  
Joseph Vallee', Municipal Civil Service Board member  
Gerald Gaspard, American Legion & Chamber of Commerce  
Anita Levy, Parks and Recreation Board member  
Pastor Crystal Randle

*Mayor Piazza asked Pastor Crystal Randle to lead the assembly in prayer. Mayor Piazza led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Mayor Piazza stated Councilman Broussard is not here tonight because he is representing the City of Abbeville at the Congres Mondial in Canada. We certainly wish him great travels up there while he is representing our great City for that wonderful occasion that they have there.*

*Pastor Crystal Randle stated she is the director for Vermilion Parish "A New Chapter PUSH" organization which serves the community. It is making a positive impact. She introduced the president of A New Chapter PUSH, Pastor James Broussard. She also introduced Donovan Davis who takes care of public relations. Mr. Davis stated they will be having their annual Street Crusade revival. This will be at the Ark of the Covenant, located at 210 S. St. Valerie in Abbeville. It will take place from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. It will also be a voter registration drive for formerly incarcerated people. Due to the passing of house bill 636, those formerly incarcerated individuals can now vote. This will bring awareness to this new law. PUSH is an acronym for Pray Until Something Happens. Pastor Randle asked for the support of the Mayor and City Council. Mayor Piazza asked Mr. Funderburk if they needed any special event permit since it was at the church. Mr. Funderburk stated they will not need a permit as long as it is on private property.*

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to promote Sarah Although to the position of Director of Revenue from the position of Tax Specialist in the Tax and Permit Department at an hourly rate of \$16.87 per hour (a 15% increase), effective the actual retirement date of the incumbent, Donna Baudoin. The motion carried unanimously.

-02 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to authorize the open advertisement of the upcoming vacancy of Tax Specialist in the Tax and Permit Department and request a list of eligibles. The motion carried unanimously.

-03 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to deviate from the agenda to change the wording on number 7 under new business from: *To authorize the City attorney to prepare* a resolution opposing the issuance of a permit to dredge the Vermilion River without completion of all necessary studies to determine the impact downstream, to: *To adopt* a resolution opposing the issuance of a permit to dredge the Vermilion River without completion of all necessary studies to determine the impact downstream. The motion carried unanimously.

*Mayor Piazza asked if there were any comments from the public on any agenda item prior to action. There were none.*

-04 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to approve the installation of the necessary stop sign(s) to make the intersection of South Louisiana at Green Avenue a three-way stop. The motion carried unanimously.

*Mayor Piazza made the recommendation to abolish the Utility Committee chaired by Councilwoman White and replace it with the Public Relations and Social Media Committee to be chaired by Councilwoman White. There aren't many issues that need to be brought to the Utility Committee. Most of those issues are handled on a day-to-day basis by him with Clay, Gene Sellers and Richard Primeaux. It would really be great if Councilwoman White could focus her efforts on public relations and social media. At the last conference in Monroe, he and Councilman Plaisance attended a workshop that recommended that all municipalities move forward with social media as a way to communicate with their constituents. Councilwoman White is well versed about social media and she has already implemented the program for the last hurricane. Councilwoman White stated she started a Facebook page for the City and was able to launch it for Hurricane Barry. This helped inform our citizens and let people know about power outages, high water and other items. In that first week we were able to gain an audience of about 1,600 followers. She presented some analytics she pulled from the Facebook page. Currently, as of today, the page has 1,831 likes. That means 1,831 people are viewing our page each time they access their Facebook app. We had 156 new likes in the last 28 days. 1,400 of those followers are women and 395 are men. The Facebook page went live on July 12<sup>th</sup> and if you look at the last 28 days, July 23-August 19, our posts reached 14,000 people, 4,500 of that is engagements and we had 121 link clicks. 1,000 of the people on our page are from Abbeville, 141 are from Erath, 139 are from Lafayette, 101 are from Kaplan and 89 are from Maurice. There are some people that follow us from other states and countries. You can also see common interest. The people who like our page also like The Daily Advertiser and Tasty, their musical band likes are Koryn Hawthorne and George Strait, and it also shows other analytics like where they shop. The week of launch we were posting all the power outages and all the other things we were aware of. She showed each of these posts. When we had the City-wide blackout, we had 3,300 people we were able to reach. It didn't cost us any money and it helps with the call volume at City Hall. One of our most popular post was when she shared the flyer for the Vermilion Parish grab trucks. The other way we can use it is to promote City events like Sounds on the Square. This past Saturday she created an Instagram account for the City of Abbeville. We are now live on Instagram. Our follower name is: Iloveabbeville. Instagram is like a photo gallery for the City. It is another way to reach out to people. We only have 34 followers so far and that will go up. She can tie in any post on Instagram to Facebook. Councilwoman Broussard asked if we could put Pastor Randle's function on our Facebook page. Mr. Funderburk stated we could not because it is not a City function. Councilwoman White stated that we hope at some point to be able to promote other events like*

*festivals but we are still working on that. The third approach is bringing the City into current real time and online access. We are looking at updating our website. Currently our website is mostly informative. It is used to inform our citizens. They can find our ordinances and pay their bills. It is currently being use as a tool to pass information from the government to citizens. It functions in a one-way fashion. She would like it to be more engaging for citizens and visitors. We could use it as a marketing tool for people who might want to come to Abbeville or who are looking for a unique destination to come. She wants to make the site more dynamic by updating the content weekly. Online media is driven by content and information needs to be current and strike interest to drive participation. She wants to feature that we will have an Economic Opportunity Zone in Abbeville. That should be on our website and we should be pushing that so investors know that this is available to them. She wants to use it to promote our City as being a great place to live. She has been approached to be a pilot community to look at changing the way our website functions and to look at cross marketing the City with the local business community to drive dual promotion.*

-05 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to approve the accounting of the 2018 Tax roll. The motion carried unanimously.

**Plaisance/Touchet  
Resolution R19-21**

*To approve a resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Vermilion Parish Police Jury regarding repairing and replacement of the existing sidewalk and driveway at 405 Pere Megret (LA Hwy 14).*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

-06 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to table the request to grant a variance to move a 2017 14' X 49' mobile home to 701 Eaton Drive since this was in Councilman Broussard's district and he nor the requestor was present tonight. The motion carried unanimously.

*Councilwoman White gave a report regarding the Coastal Protection and Restoration Committee meeting of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury. She congratulated the Vermilion Coastal Committee on hosting a successful Vermilion Parish Coastal Day on Tuesday, August 6, 2019. She wanted to personally thank the Committee for their Coastal Restoration efforts. The Mayor, Council and Councilwoman White attended a Coastal Restoration meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 2019. This meeting was an overview of current, past and upcoming projects. These projects include barrier reef construction, marsh fill-in and levee restorations. She has invited Mr. Ralph Libersat to give a short summary of his presentation at our next City Council meeting. During last week's meeting, a group of Lafayette volunteers gave an informative, comprehensive presentation on regional watershed and identified potential projects that could help mitigate flooding. Upon these projects was the issue of dredging the Vermilion River. Tonight, Lafayette's City-Parish Council is considering a resolution that declares "the urgent need to dredge the Vermilion River to prevent future flooding" and calls on the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to help the City-Parish government obtain the necessary permit. They are also considering approximately \$5 million to start the project. She is bringing this to the attention of the Council tonight to make sure we do our part to protect the citizens of Abbeville and all of Vermilion Parish. She wants to make it clear that she is not against dredging. She is not against Lafayette. This is not a Lafayette versus Abbeville issue. This is a regional issue. We empathize with the issues Lafayette Parish is facing because we have the same issues in the City of Abbeville. We have had the opportunity to*

participate in calls and meetings with the U. S. Army Corp of Engineers and we appreciate that consideration. She wants to ask the Corps to continue to look at watershed as an entire region and not rush to action in one area before understanding the effects those actions might have. I am asking the Corps of Engineers to do no harm. We want time to review a complete study and modeling on the effects of dredging the Vermilion River prior to moving forward and we want to make sure modeling takes into consideration tides, narrowing of rivers at bridge structures and is inclusive of effects of wind. What effect does an increase in volume of water in any one area have on areas downtown? We want to continue to be a part of the conversation. The issue affects our entire Parish. She encourages all municipalities to voice their concerns. She encourages citizens to let their Representatives, Congressmembers and Senators hear their concerns over rushing a project before we know what, if any, harmful effects it might have. Mayor Piazza added that the Vermilion River affects us all. This is a tremendous concern for him. He grew up on that river and the volume of water coming down the river from Lafayette has increased tremendously. We want proper completion of a study by the Corps before the permits are issued. There is a very well-funded initiative called Louisiana Watershed started by the Governor's office. There is over \$1 billion put towards the initiative state-wide and our own local resident, James Waskom, is in charge of it. He lives right here on the water and his home flooded in 2016. He has assured him that this Watershed Initiative will be tremendous for Abbeville and for Louisiana where the entire Vermilion watershed will be studied from almost Alexandria all the way to Vermilion Bay. Before we just start arbitrarily dredging the Vermilion River in bits and pieces, we need to make sure that the proper studies and recommendations are done. Somebody from the Corps of Engineers will have to come in this office and guarantee us that it will not cause us anymore additional flooding in Abbeville than what has already occurred. Anytime you get a 10- or 12-inch rain in Lafayette, we flood. It doesn't matter if we get a drop of water here, we still will flood. We can't take anymore of Lafayette's water. They will have to learn to control their water and come up with some real smart initiatives on what they will do with it and how they will handle it. We did. We created a retention pond. We spent \$1 million of FEMA money and it works very well. It solved a huge drainage problem right here in Abbeville. If we did it, so can Lafayette. That is the message that we need to send with our resolution. The Police Jury has already approved the same resolution. We are piggybacking off of them. Kevin Sagraera has also sent a letter to the Corps of Engineer's deputy district engineer, Mr. Mark Wingate. We need to follow up on this. We are fortunate to have a leader like Mr. Kevin Sagraera involved in this. He is very concerned about it. He is at the Lafayette Parish Government meeting right now in our defense. He is willing to speak on our behalf at the meeting. This is step one and he would hate to think that we would have to seek some kind of injunctive relief through legal means but if it comes to that, he is prepared to do so. Councilwoman White stated there is a huge push from Lafayette to get the permit now and start the work. You can call your representative and your congressman and let them know you are not ok with this. The study is set to be completed in December. Make sure they hold those permits until after December and after we can sit down as a region and look at what will happen. Mayor Piazza stated that he will not sugar coat this. It is an uphill battle. Lafayette is a big city with a lot of wealthy people. They have a population of about \$300,000. It is an uphill battle but we will fight it. That he promises everyone.

**Plaisance/T. Broussard**  
**Resolution R19-22**

A resolution requesting that the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers delay the issuance of any and all permits to the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government unless, and until all pertinent drainage studies are completed, and then issued only to the extent that it can be ascertained that no damage will be done to the City of Abbeville, its residents and property owners as a result of the permitted dredging.

*The motion carried unanimously.*

-07 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to approve pay application number 12 in the amount of \$91,803.62 payable to Minvielle Lumber Company, the invoice to The Sellers Group in the amount of \$2,652.34 and the invoice in the amount of \$5,420.00 payable to JJE Contracting, LLC, all three for the Airport Terminal Renovation Project. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Mark Piazza

- *Asked Councilman Touchet and Gene Sellers, Jr. to contact Police Juror Mark Poche' for his assistance with some additional asphalt work needed in the parking lot at the airport.*

Councilwoman Roslyn White

- *This Thursday Shelly Fairchild, from Nashville, will be performing for Sounds in the Square.*

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Piazza declared this meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk  
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza  
Mayor

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, RECREATION AND TOURISM  
OFFICE OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
LOUISIANA MAIN STREET

LETTER OF AGREEMENT

This agreement is entered into and executed by Louisiana Main Street and Abbeville Main Street (the local program).

This agreement is to help implement the Main Street Program in the local community, as well as to maintain the Main Street designation and affiliation with the Louisiana Main Street network.

IN CONSIDERATION OF THIS EXECUTED AGREEMENT:

SECTION I

The State agrees to do as follows:

1. Designate a Louisiana Main Street Coordinator to handle all communications between the community and the National Main Street Center (NMSC).
2. Arrange, coordinate, and participate in all National Main Street Center visits and other specialist visits as requested and mutually agreed upon.
3. Conduct quarterly meetings and workshops to further develop and enhance the skills of local directors and board/committee members and to provide an annual calendar with the dates and locations of training sessions, if possible, at the beginning of the fiscal year.
4. Provide advice and information to the local program's director on a continuing basis including a generous amount of telephone consultation.
5. Collect and publish economic development statistics both statewide and by community.
6. Within a two-year period the State Coordinator shall make on-site visits to each officially designated active Louisiana Main Street community to review the overall program in order to keep abreast of local programs and advise the local director and board.
7. Provide design assistance from the Louisiana Main Street staff to assist property owners and merchants in rehabilitating storefronts, buildings and interior spaces.
8. Provide business consultation services to strengthen existing businesses, help identify new business opportunities, and improve local business management; and
9. Perform annual assessments to evaluate the local community's progress and assist with the community's accreditation as outlined by the National Main Street Center.

## SECTION II

### The local program agrees to:

1. Maintain the focus of the local Main Street program on the downtown district as designated in the local program's application for Main Street.
2. Maintain broad-based community support for the program by the public and private sectors through financial contributions and in-kind or volunteer support.
3. Promote and encourage a historic preservation ethic.
4. Develop, implement, and maintain program commitment to the comprehensive Main Street Four-Point Approach as advocated by the National Main Street Center.
5. Maintain an active board of directors that holds monthly meetings throughout the year for the local program.
6. Employ and maintain a full-time professional Main Street director who will be responsible for the day-to-day implementation of the Main Street program in the community.
7. Maintain a full-time office in the Main Street district.
8. Maintain a separate Main Street budget with adequate funding for travel commitments and daily operation of the local program.
9. Develop an annual or quarterly work plan based on the local Main Street vision and mission statement for the local Main Street program. The local program will include a copy of its yearly plan with its quarterly reports.
10. Maintain data for monitoring the progress of the Main Street program, submit quarterly reports using the format provided by Louisiana Main Street, and provide other information requested by Louisiana Main Street. Quarterly reports must be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month following the end of the quarter.
11. Promote and encourage board member attendance at the local, state, and national training opportunities.
12. Provide an adequate travel budget to cover the local director's mandatory attendance and participation at all Louisiana Main Street quarterly meetings and at the National Main Streets Conference.

### SECTION III

#### Louisiana Main Street and the local program jointly agree that:

1. This agreement may be modified only by written amendment executed by all parties and approved by the Louisiana Main Street Coordinator and the Division of Historic Preservation Director.
2. Either party may terminate this agreement by giving written notice to the other at least 60 days before the effective date of such termination.
3. This agreement shall not be binding upon the parties until it contains all signatures and is approved by the Louisiana Main Street Coordinator and the Division of Historic Preservation Director.
4. The term of this agreement shall be from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

### SECTION IV

#### Accountability

If a local Main Street program fails to comply with the provisions of the annual letter of agreement, the Division of Historic Preservation Director may choose to send that program a written initial notice. At that point, the local program will be put on probationary status and will be ineligible for any design services or grant funds from Louisiana Main Street. The notice will include a summary of non-compliance issues and provide guidance on how to resolve them.

The Louisiana Main Street Coordinator will reevaluate the local program 90 days following the first notice. If the local program has failed to correct the issues noted in the first notice, the Division of Historic Preservation Director will issue a final notice. Furthermore, the Division of Historic Preservation Director may terminate the letter of agreement with the local program and discontinue all Louisiana Main Street services and activities provided in the agreement. Once the letter of agreement is terminated, the local program will have 30 days to appeal to the State Historic Preservation Officer.

If a local program is dropped from the state program, it must reapply for Louisiana Main Street membership before it can receive Louisiana Main Street program services.

If a local Main Street program has received either an initial notice or final notice and is not yet in compliance when the next annual letters of agreement are signed, the Division of Historic Preservation's Director will postpone signing that letter of agreement until compliance is attained.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, parties have executed this agreement.

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Piazza, Mayor  
City of Abbeville

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

(Mayor's signature only required if Main Street manager is a city employee)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor's email address

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Board President  
Abbeville Main Street

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Date

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Board President email address

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Charlene Beckett, Director  
Abbeville Main Street

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Date

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Nicole Hobson-Morris, Director  
Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation

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Date

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Ray Scriber, Director  
Louisiana Main Street

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Date

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August 29, 2019

To: Mayor and City Council  
From: Donna Baudoin  
Subject: Bid on Grass Cutting on Property from Hearings

Dear Mayor and Council:

Attached is the bid that was received for grass cutting and removal of overgrown brush from the property located at 1910 East End St. Bid forms were sent out as a result of the hearing held on July 31, 2019.

Please note that bid forms were sent out to 7 bidders with only 1 bidder turning in a bid.

This is being placed on the agenda for the September 3, 2019 City Council meeting.

Sincerely,

*Donna Baudoin*

Donna Baudoin  
Director of Revenue,  
Regulatory Codes & Permits

cc: Ike Funderburk, City Attorney  
Kathy Faulk, Secretary-Treasurer  
Clay Menard, Public Works Director

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**BID ON GRASS CUTTING OF GRASS AND OVERGROWN BRUSH**

To: TONY LANDRY  
402 BERTHIER ST  
ABBEVILLE, LA 70510

From: City of Abbeville, Permit Department

Location of Job: **1910 EAST END ST**

Scope of Work:

- To cut tall grass on property
- To remove any overgrown brush
- To remove **all junk items if any** from property.
- To haul all debris from cleaning to Solid Waste facility
- To leave lot completely clear of tall grass, overgrown brush, and Debris

Bid Amount: \$ 1250.00

Bid Due by: **Wednesday, August 28, 2019 By 4:00p.m.**

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY:**

\*\*\*ONCE JOB IS COMPLETE, CITY INSPECTION WILL BE DONE BEFORE PAYMENT WILL BE MADE TO CONTRACTOR\*\*\*  
PROPERTY MUST BE COMPLETELY CLEARED OF ALL DEBRIS FROM CLEAN UP BEFORE PAYMENT IS MADE TO CONTRACTOR.

\*\*\***PLEASE NOTE THAT DEBRIS CAN NO LONGER BE PLACED ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD FOR PICK-UP. CONTRACTORS CAN NO LONGER REQUEST A BIN FROM SOLID WASTE FOR DISPOSAL OF DEBRIS.** ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE WITH SOLID WASTE (898-4338) FOR DISPOSAL. PLEASE INCLUDE CHARGES FOR THIS IN YOUR BID.

  
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Signature

MARK PIAZZA  
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August 26, 2019

To: Mayor and City Council  
From: Donna Baudoin  
Subject: **Agenda Item for September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 Council Meeting**  
Request for Variance (size of mobile home)

Dear Mayor and Council:

Attached please find a Plat, Description of property, picture of mobile home, as well as a copy of the Premises Inspection that was done for a 2017 mobile home to be moved on the property located at **701 Eaton Drive**. The mobile home owner is requesting a variance for the mobile home to be moved. According to the City Ordinance, the minimum size for mobile homes is 14' X 65' and they are requesting to move a 14' X 49' mobile home. The property owner is John L & Verline Marceaux.

**Councilman Brady Broussard has authorized this to be placed on the agenda for the September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 City Council Meeting.**

Sincerely,

Donna Baudoin  
Director of Revenue,  
Regulatory Codes & Permits

cc: Kathy Faulk, Secretary-Treasurer  
Nicole Nguyen, Council Secretary  
Ike Funderburk, City Attorney  
Richard Primeaux, BCEO

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**Inspection of Premises**

Applicant: John Marceaux  
Phone Number: 337-385-2920  
Mobile Home to be located at: 741 Eaton Dr. #2  
Property Owner: John Larkins Marceaux & Verline Langlinars  
Assessment Number: RA469550

**APPROVED**

**DENIED**

Richard Primeaux  
Inspector

8/19/19  
Date of Inspection

Reason for Denial: \_\_\_\_\_  
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HUD I.D. Number: GE01532884  
Year of Mobile Home: 2019  
Size of Mobile Home: 14' x 44'

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